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Women claim abortion right

Frankfurt's tireless campaigners, whether they come from a humanist, socialist or liberal background have been fighting tooth and nail, day and night, year in year out against all kinds of evils.

For a short while now the various militant groups have been united, perhaps for the first time ever, in a campaign entitled *Lust ohne Last*, the meaning of which will soon become obvious!

Near the central police station recently a young woman carrying a placard and wearing a topless outfit paraded by the underground station.

Her protest was for abortion to be made legal, as passers by and people in neighbouring offices soon learnt.

Her militant group feels that "every woman has the right to do exactly as she pleases with her own body, every child that is born deserves to be wanted and every man has the right to become a father only when he really wants to."

The action group stopped passers by and asked them to sign a petition to be sent to the Minister of Health, Käte Strobel. This petition calls for abortion to be made legal, with no reservations. It also demands that the cost of performing an operation to terminate pregnancy should be borne by health insurances.

One young Socialist (female), a socialist doctor (male) and a Free Democrat stated that making abortion legal as in Great Britain, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia is the short-term aim of the Frankfurt Frauenaktion (women's action committee).

In addition to making termination of pregnancy legal the women will call for more extensive provisions to be made to educate the young in contraception, their long-term aim.

The socialist doctor said that abortion is not a pretty matter, but declared it the lesser evil when the alternative is bringing an unwanted human being into the world who would probably live a life full of resentment.

The initiators of this campaign to legalise abortion have social welfare in view as well. "Women who have enough money can hop across to England and have their abortion performed. Those who have not — the vast majority — might be tempted to go to a quack, back-street abortionist, which we deplore," one speaker told the public.

Those who have been made to feel sympathy with the campaigners are in good company; Frankfurt's senior burgo-master Walter Möller, the President of the state assizes Rudolf Wassermann and the President of local high court Otto Rudolf Kissel have declared their solid backing for the campaign, organised by the Humanist Union. (DIE WELT, 11 July 1970)

More women fall prey to drugs

In almost all European countries the figures for the people, young and old alike, who are getting hooked on drugs and alcohol are rising.

A team of experts has been investigating the drinking and drug-taking habits in seventeen European countries. Full results of their work will be published at the end of the year in a report issued by the European Health Committee, which is at present meeting in Munich.

Professor Kiehlholz, a Swiss expert on the problems of addiction, stated at this

conference that a completely new phenomenon can be noted among the victims of addiction. They are becoming hooked on several different drugs.

He pointed out that of every hundred adults dependent on narcotics seventy are women! Only one in ten alcoholics is a woman.

Members of the European Health Committee plan to urge governments in European countries to set up more information centres for the victims of addiction. (NEUE RUHR ZEITUNG, 2 July 1970)

Men should do more housework, wives say

Married men in this country are in for a rough time. According to a survey carried out by the Infas Institute in Bad Godesberg the vast majority of housewives in the Federal Republic consider that the husband who wears the trousers should regularly be made to wear an apron over them and get down to some housework!

At the moment, however, only 29 per cent of this country's trouser-wearers are donning aprons and helping the wife.

Forty per cent of the women interviewed considered that men should be made to help around the house even if their wife does not go out to work. As many as 95 per cent claimed that a working wife was entitled to expect help from her husband to do the household chores.

This does not mean that women are all that emancipated. Sixty-five per cent of those questioned said: "Woman was created by Nature to look after children and the family and create a comfortable home

for them. She should not go out to work and take a place in society."

Only 27 per cent thought that man and woman are equally well equipped by Nature to carry out a profession and take a place in society.

When asked who they thought should bring up the children, most (76 per cent) were agreed that man and wife should share this equally.

Twenty-one per cent of the women interviewed said they wanted to see their children in their own way, without any interference from their husbands. 10 per cent of the women reckoned children should be brought up under their father's direction alone.

Answers to the question about the sort of job a wife should take were large extent cliché-ridden: health, welfare, teaching and education were the favourites. Only fifteen per cent considered politics and trade as suitable pursuits for a woman.

Thirty-seven per cent of the women said they thought that the husband should exercise in politics is already enough. Forty-six out of every hundred thought women should have a greater role in politics.

Men in this country may mean what they say, but they are already a long way behind husbands in France and America in this respect. Let it merely be said that they are out of every hundred households in America where there is no washing machine the husband does the washing either on his own or with the help of his wife.

Peter W. Schmidt

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Moscow talks should shed light on security conference prospects

In the second half of July the UN committee convened in Geneva to apply a definition of the term "aggressor," met for five full sessions and then drew up an agenda for the immediate future. Three drafts have been submitted: Western, Soviet and one drawn up by thirteen, for the most part non-aligned countries.

The committee plans shortly to compare paragraph two of the Western draft with paragraph one of the Soviet version and paragraph two of the Thirteen's proposals, these three paragraphs containing the essence of the matter.

It would by no means be pointless to a little cumbersome to print all three in full. Let it merely be said that they are tangential but by no means coincide with one another.

The committee will thus have to devote a great deal more time to the three versions. It can already look back on months, if not to say years of work.

The definition of an aggressor and an act of aggression is needed by the United Nations in order to provide the Security Council with guidelines for dealing with

Aggressive challenges and concealed threats of force must also be prevented. All European countries without exception must take part. It would be barefaced impudence to confront neutrals only with the demand for a renunciation of the use of force.

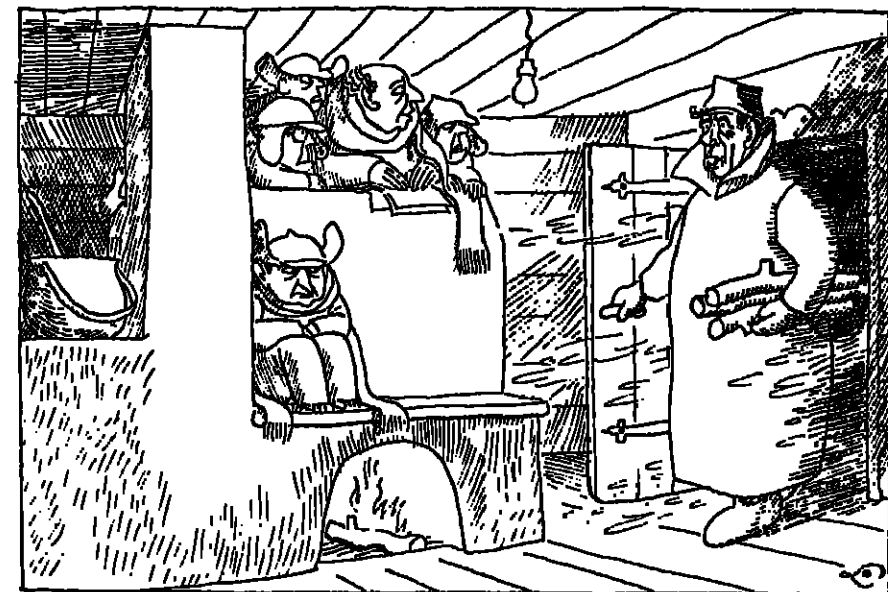
Fundamental security issues must be raised and as great a degree of equality reached as possible. As active observers of world affairs the neutrals at the conference will be duty-bound to shed light on what goes on behind the scenes.

The negotiations between Bonn and Moscow on renunciation of force and allied topics will certainly shed light on the prospects of a European security conference.

If they are successful they will also eliminate some of the difficulties in the way of a conference, having brought about partial decisions on the German Question, it having so far not been clear whether the German Questions was to be key issue or a non-issue.

Matters are by no means as straightforward as is repeatedly claimed by the GDR, which maintains that the Federal Republic need only acknowledge what it is pleased to call the outcome of the Second World War for security in Europe to be an established fact guaranteed for all time.

Even if the one difficulty is resolved there are plenty left. The West is confronted with the Eastern doctrine of limited sovereignty and fraternal assistance within the communist camp



Cold for the time of the year isn't it?

(Cartoon: E. M. Lang/Süddeutsche Zeitung)

according to which the invasion of Czechoslovakia had nothing whatsoever to do with force but was, indeed, in the interest of the security of the socialist camp.

If, then, there is a specific communist security within the framework of the general concept is there, perhaps, a specific capitalist security?

It is worth keeping an eye on the UN committee but there is no need to wait for it to come to a conclusion before preparing for the European security conference.

Little by little the governments will have assembled sufficient material for the preliminary conference in Vienna proposed by Austria and should be in a position to deal with basic issues once the Moscow talks between Foreign Ministers Scheel

and Gromyko have reached a conclusion. Detailed issues could be put aside, among them Moscow's attacks against enlargement of the Common Market on the ground that it would be detrimental to security.

In the course of preliminary talks the Soviet Union could, nevertheless be requested to go into greater detail, having so far talked more about the purpose of the conference than about the topics to be discussed.

A preliminary conference ought to prove whether or not French diplomats are right in maintaining that the security conference would mark the end of detente policies rather than the starting point.

Maxim Fackler

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aggression, restoring law and order and making peace.

There are both clear cases of aggression and complicated instances in which the act consists of provocation, treachery or attempted intervention.

Controversy rages frequently among international lawyers on the committee as to situations in which the identity of the aggressor is not clearly apparent. Even the definition on which the United Nations may at some stage reach agreement will no more than approximate to all conceivable situations.

The whole debate forms part of the greater complex of security, so no one who is concerned with security, particularly in Europe, can afford entirely to disregard the Geneva committee.

At the European security conference the Soviet Union is again urgently advocating via diplomatic channels, the first topic, renunciation of force, cannot simply be a matter of renouncing the oldest forms of force — war and warfare.

Scheel and Gromyko down to brass tacks

Palace. Two schools of thought have evidently evolved among members of this country's delegation too.

The one, in all likelihood the smaller in number, is none too keen on formulas designed to push the Soviet Union as far as it may be prepared to go, the other would like to have every German claim confirmed and reconfirmed in writing.

The second school has without doubt already wreaked a certain amount of havoc. One may well ask, as State Secretary Bahr does, just why express mention of the European option must be elevated to the level of a demand on which the toss must now be argued.

Is it not a matter of course that sovereign states can join forces if they so wish?

Does not the pithy sentence uttered by Herr Achenbach, a Free Democratic member of the Federal Republic's delegation in Moscow ("It's a matter of wanting to"), bear witness to a certain lack of a sense of reality?

And quite apart from these and other differences of opinion — reputed to be current in Moscow, the Federal government's demands were open and declared.

The first five days of Federal Republic-Soviet talks in Moscow have served only to emphasise and still more clearly illustrate the difficulties remaining in the way of improvement of relations between the two countries.

To this extent one suspicion that accompanied Foreign Minister Scheel on his flight to Moscow has been proved unfounded. After the preliminary talks conducted in Moscow by State Secretary Bahr it was feared that Walter Scheel would be neither willing nor able to negotiate further in the Soviet capital.

In the final analysis all problems can be traced back to another suspicion that has been borne out in Moscow, that the Soviet Union would be quite content to follow the existing draft sketched out in the Bahr paper.

The Soviet Union has no additional requirements, which would indicate that any amendment proposals Herr Scheel may have up his sleeve are bound to be opposed by Mr Gromyko.

How can the German option (the possibility of peaceful reunification) and the European option (the possibility of a political merger of the Federal Republic with other countries) be left open?

How can Bonn push through its demands for a satisfactory solution to the Berlin problem?

Opinions on all three of these burning issues differed not only on either side of the negotiating-table in Spiridonovka

Even if the entire delegation had wanted to, they could not simply have been abandoned.

The Bonn delegation arrived with the thankless task of negotiating concessions over and above those already gained in confidential talks and to do so in negotiations with a great power.

From the start it was clear that after indiscretion in Bonn this would prove uncommonly difficult. Quite apart from all other considerations Foreign Minister Gromyko has the prestige of a great power to uphold.

Publication of the Bahr paper in this country provided the Soviet Union with an argument to employ in opposition to this country's wishes. Yet at the end of the first week of negotiations the impression in Moscow was that the prospects of a solution being reached have if anything slightly improved.

The mere fact that amendments to the wording are the subject of negotiation gives reason for hope, though hopes of this kind should never, of course, be exaggerated.

What shape could solutions to the controversial aspects take? The German option could be incorporated into a Federal government note to the Soviet government to which the Kremlin raised no objection — or so it was felt for some time.

It might, for that matter, be incorporated

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS

China flexes diplomatic muscles

Viewed from the Chinese angle a change is taking place in relations between major powers that can only be to Peking's disadvantage.

There is the rapprochement between the United States and the Soviet Union in the sphere of nuclear strategy, consolidation of the situation in Czechoslovakia, serious contacts between the Kremlin and Bonn and intensive Soviet efforts to bring about economic cooperation with Tokyo.

Together they combine to give rise to a feeling of unease in Peking, not to say the fear of gradually being encircled. Against this background the diplomatic activity in which Peking has engaged for a number of months is understandable.

Mao Tse-tung, long absent from the Chinese political stage and indeed already written off by some observers, has since 1 May again received a succession of foreign government delegations.

Peking is also appointing ambassadors again and when a friendly country celebrates its national day China has of late been at pains to be polite and send its best wishes.

Peking evidently aims by diplomatic means to end the isolation for which it opted at the beginning of the cultural revolution in 1966. In view of the changing political scenery it has realised that even the most pointed propaganda over Radio Peking is no substitute for on-the-spot influence.

In Chinese eyes the strategic arms limitation talks must represent the basest collusion between the United States and the Soviet Union. A successful outcome to the Salt talks would enable the two major nuclear powers to ensue and maybe cut their nuclear outlay.

The United States would then be in a position to deal with pressing domestic problems. Leeway on the home front would at the same time provide America with greater foreign policy leeway, which can hardly be in China's interest.

Only a Washington forced to take such care not to offend domestic opinion that it is virtually condemned to inactivity in South-East Asia and elsewhere is to China's liking, especially as the safeguarding of Chinese influence in Indochina is felt by Peking to be particularly important.

Nor can it be in China's interest for Moscow to collude with the Soviet Union's main rival as a nuclear power. Collusion of this kind would enable the Kremlin to slow down the costly nuclear arms race and invest more in conventional arms and what appear to be difficult problems besetting the Soviet economy.

The consequence as far as Peking is concerned could be that the Kremlin might devote all its attention and potential to bringing China to heel.

China feels developments along these lines to be the logical outcome of a successful conclusion to the Salt talks. Pacification of Czechoslovakia and negotiations with this country, the leading industrial country in Western Europe, are seen in the same light.

Soviet intervention in Czechoslovakia on 21 August 1968 and the subsequent purges among political leaders in Prague, both of which proceeded to the entire satisfaction of the Soviet Union, came as a shock to Peking.

There may well be every reason to believe that the Chinese are afraid lest the Kremlin one of these days apply the Brezhnev doctrine of limited sovereignty of socialist states to their country too.

Last but not least the negotiations between Moscow and Bonn on renunciation of the use of force are seen as the beginning of a general relaxation of tension between Eastern and Western Europe, which is what, for the time being, the West is hoping for.

For the Soviet Union relaxation of tension to the West could be the signal for an increase in tension to the East. It is easier to deal with an opponent when one's rear is clear.

The direction followed by Chinese diplomatic activity is easily identifiable as anti-Soviet. At the moment the Chinese leaders are wooing the Rumanian Defence Minister in Peking — and he represents a country that makes no bones about its distance from Moscow.

China has also appointed an ambassador to Yugoslavia. Some years ago this would have been inconceivable. In Peking Belgrade was long considered to be hopelessly un-Marxist and revisionist.

Nowadays ideology is evidently no longer the prime consideration. Pragmatism, what is useful, is what now counts. How else is the dispatch of an ambassador to Cairo to be explained?

Influence brought to bear on Nasser would decidedly be a feather in China's cap and there can be no doubt that China has this in mind. Indirectly the Chinese have already made one attempt, negotiating with Yasser Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Front, in Peking this March.

Yet it is hard to see how Peking can prevent Moscow from achieving its Middle Eastern goal of opening the Suez canal, which would be of considerable strategic benefit for the Soviet Union, providing Russia with a short route to the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean for its fleet.

Moscow thinks in terms of long periods of time. Peking is trying to counter the possible consequences for itself. The diplomatic offensive has been launched. This interplay of power politics might be a little easier to follow were not two great powers, Russia and China, playing chess and the third, America, playing poker.

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Economic crises bring Castro's Cuba dream down to earth

Talk of a Cuban dream following Fidel Castro's offer to resign is by no means intended to be derogatory. It must indeed be conceded that he has been uncommonly honest in admitting to his own people and to world opinion the truth of a rude awakening from a dream of society.

He gave exact percentages of the decline in the sugar cane crop, which is of major importance for Cuba, and a number of shortfalls in other vital sectors of production — figures never otherwise divulged in a communist dictatorship.

It is not a matter of whether Castro will in fact resign or not. The vital point is that a man who together with his associates set himself the target of freeing Cuba from hunger and misery has, with unparalleled frankness, admitted economic and social shortcomings to his own people and to the world at large.

After reading the report (details of which are quietly ignored by the press in the other part of Germany) one is, if anything, inclined to feel that Castro is well on the way towards changing matters and reaching the targets he and his associates are so right in aiming at in five years' time.

It would no doubt be right to assume that this left-wing but by no means communist social reformer will not in fact resign, instead changing social, so-called socialist structures to the extent that these targets will be achieved.

The expression of this hope and conviction is based on the great deal Castro has achieved since the bloody, radical purge of the dictatorial Batista regime.

The bearded partisan was welcomed by a large section of the population as a liberator and guarantee of general progress. He has set about long-overdue social reforms too, including, for instance, land reform and an end to the educational privileges of what used to be a small ruling class supported by American capital.

The Cuban experiment was threatened and doomed to failure in any case. The American blockade succeeded in restricting the economic prospects of a progressive island country and Castro, who maintained a certain distance from the communist state capitalism of the Soviet Union, would no doubt never have survived without the thousands of millions of roubles the same Soviet has pumped into the Cuban economy since 1959.

This aid is unquestionably not altruism on Moscow's part. In the days of the Cold War the island, progressive by Latin American standards, occupied a geographically important position off the US coastline, a position the Soviet Union could not but gladly exploit.

Let us consider for a moment what progressive changes Castro has put into

be achieved. Success with the points already outlined would be a great deal.

This would undoubtedly be evidence of good will on the part of the Soviet government, whatever reasons might be behind the concessions. Herr Scheel would be ill-advised not to jump at any such opportunity.

The prospect of negotiations being interrupted and resumed in September, a possibility that seemed on the cards in mid-week, would be most planning.

Were the treaty to be shelved without good reason in-fighting in this country would continue and a Spriidonovka paper would doubtless not be long in appearing.

And one of these days the Soviet government would no longer be prepared to talk.

H. W. Keiffenbach
(Kölner Stadt-Anzeiger, 1 August 1970)

effect. In addition to land reform mentioned, there is, for instance, a quarter of a million students free courses of study and provided free board and lodging and money.

It could, of course, be claimed that is a luxury in an already poor country. Frankfurter Rundschau is not so sure. Mistaken socio-economic investment seems more likely to have been unnecessary luxury. An enormous number of people are, for instance, in organisations from which they derive no economic benefit.

Not to mention the social waste of abolishing of money. The closed thousand of small businesses and restaurants in order to nationalise the economy.

Castro wanted to set up a state without blemish. He abolished the consumption of alcohol and public, so increasingly aiming at idealised social utopia without the ing of a sound economy.

Food rations grew steadily, as evidenced by this breach of faith Willi to bitter complaints on the part of consumers and black market prices were virtually unpayable.

Yet the usual wretched social conditions have been better than Young people have better prospects. They are cornered these three will filibust at every opportunity.

Disension among the Free Democrats came to such a pass that many personal alliances of long standing have been broken off. This is a great burden on the DDF coalition government to bear. Heinz Külln and Willi Weyer would dearly like to make the North Rhine-Westphalia branch of the party a successful as any other country in the world that proudly calls itself socialist. The final analysis the reason for failure is purely and simply the chaotic and uncoordinated organised chaos of private initiative.

Castro's further progress and that of the entire Cuban people depend on whether or not he succeeds in bringing about changes soon. He has been the most popular politician in American utopian socialism must be brought into a reality in which everyone works that earns him his bread and butter, and viewed in terms of the satisfaction of his requirements. *Karl Grottel*
(Frankfurter Rundschau, 30 July 1970)

for months now Helmut Schmidt has been the most popular politician in the Federal Republic. A survey conducted by the Allensbach statistical research organisation recently for the ZDF television channel confirmed the Defence Minister's top popularity rating.

The survey was carried out only in North Rhine-Westphalia, Lower Saxony and the Saar and took place before the government published its latest economic measures. In addition to this public opinion polls have lost a lot of their reputation since their disastrously inaccurate forecasts for the British general election. But this result proves something. It is well known that the all-powerful ruling forces of the middle classes voted last September in the sure knowledge that Helmut Schmidt would stop the Party veering too far towards the left.

The Economic Affairs Minister Professor Karl Schiller, Defence Minister Helmut Schmidt is a key figure for those with conservative tendencies who sided they had had enough of the CDU/CSU resign last September. Both are that the SPD will remain sufficiently conservative.

These voters expected domestic reforms from the Social Democrats, but they were not expecting experiments in foreign policy.

Since the election victory Karl Schiller has continued to fall in the public heavens. The middle classes are disappointed that he has not pushed through domestic reforms.

They know, however, that Helmut Schmidt, who received thirteen per cent approval in this survey than Willy Brandt and nineteen per cent more than Karl Schiller, is hesitant about the coalitions ventures in the East.

second-in-command pride themselves on having paved the way for "relieving the old guard" in Bonn after the general election last year. Also they made noises when a new president had to be chosen and were instrumental in getting Gustav Heinemann the job.

Therefore it seems only a matter of course that Weyer and Kühn are feeling a backlash from the right flank of the FDP since they were partly responsible for the changing of the guard and the new political course that has followed.

Those who voted FDP at the 14 June local elections of SPD so that they could help the junior coalition partner over the five-per-cent hurdle and thus support the Bonn coalition must now be wondering if they should not have given the SPD an overall majority in Düsseldorf when the FDP is in such dire straits.

In its present state the FDP would not be voted into the Düsseldorf provincial assembly, even though North Rhine-Westphalia is the party's stronghold. It would not deserve to. In their self-appointed role as scale-tippers FDP deputies are failing because they are not agreed which way to tip the scales. The National Liberal element must be put on the spot and requested to approve the coalition or leave it.

As far as the man in the street who gave his vote to the party is concerned any other course of action would be tantamount to dabbling with the status of independent membership.

Among the SPD in Düsseldorf and Bonn the main question must be: can we govern in conjunction with this FDP?

In the prickly situation of being Prime Minister with a one-vote majority Heinz Kühn will probably be reminded of his former fundamental stand for the introduction of majority representation.

All he can do now is to emphasise the two basic reasons given for the continuance of the coalition in the government speech, firstly to carry on the programme of education, structural and administrative reform and secondly to support the Brandt-Scheel coalition.

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HOME AFFAIRS

Kühn scrapes home with one-vote majority in Düsseldorf

North Rhine-Westphalia's renewed Social and Free Democratic coalition did not make an outstanding first impression. Prime Minister Heinz Kühn scraped by the skin of his teeth with a majority of one.

This result is reminiscent of the election in 1966, when CDU candidate Franz had 101 CDU and FDP for and 99 votes against him. His attempt to win with a majority of two was aborted. After six months he had to give up when Erhard's chancellorship came to its untimely end.

At this time it is the National Liberal members of the Free Democrats that are causing uncertainty in Düsseldorf. In the weeks since the provincial assembly elections in mid-June at which the FDP butchered Siegfried Zoglmann has been the standard bearer of the right flank.

Angered at this breach of faith Willi to bitter complaints on the part of consumers and black market prices were virtually unpayable.

Yet the usual wretched social conditions have been better than Young people have better prospects. They are cornered these three will filibust at every opportunity.

Disension among the Free Democrats came to such a pass that many personal alliances of long standing have been broken off. This is a great burden on the DDF coalition government to bear. Heinz Külln and Willi Weyer would dearly like to make the North Rhine-Westphalia branch of the party a successful as any other country in the world that proudly calls itself socialist. The final analysis the reason for failure is purely and simply the chaotic and uncoordinated organised chaos of private initiative.

Castro's further progress and that of the entire Cuban people depend on whether or not he succeeds in bringing about changes soon. He has been the most popular politician in American utopian socialism must be brought into a reality in which everyone works that earns him his bread and butter, and viewed in terms of the satisfaction of his requirements. *Karl Grottel*
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second-in-command pride themselves on having paved the way for "relieving the old guard" in Bonn after the general election last year. Also they made noises when a new president had to be chosen and were instrumental in getting Gustav Heinemann the job.

Therefore it seems only a matter of course that Weyer and Kühn are feeling a backlash from the right flank of the FDP since they were partly responsible for the changing of the guard and the new political course that has followed.

Those who voted FDP at the 14 June local elections of SPD so that they could help the junior coalition partner over the five-per-cent hurdle and thus support the Bonn coalition must now be wondering if they should not have given the SPD an overall majority in Düsseldorf when the FDP is in such dire straits.

In its present state the FDP would not be voted into the Düsseldorf provincial assembly, even though North Rhine-Westphalia is the party's stronghold. It would not deserve to. In their self-appointed role as scale-tippers FDP deputies are failing because they are not agreed which way to tip the scales. The National Liberal element must be put on the spot and requested to approve the coalition or leave it.

As far as the man in the street who gave his vote to the party is concerned any other course of action would be tantamount to dabbling with the status of independent membership.

Among the SPD in Düsseldorf and Bonn the main question must be: can we govern in conjunction with this FDP?

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Schmidt and Schröder are points ahead in public favour

The call for peace and order in civil life here is underlined by the popularity expressed in this poll for Minister of the Interior Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

The deputy FDP Chairman was scarcely known by the general public before last September's election, but since then he has enjoyed the greatest rise in popularity of all politicians in the survey. He has now gained more public support than his Party leader Walter Scheel.

Apart from the success of Genscher and Schmidt the biggest surprise to come from this survey was the excellent position gained by the former Foreign Minister and present deputy Chairman of the Christian Democrats, Gerhard Schröder. He is not the kind of man who wins public favour very easily.

As Minister of the Interior and Defence Minister he only received between ten and fourteen per cent of public approval, but in the position of Foreign Minister he was able for a short while to gain the support of more than seventy per cent of those questioned.

The astonishingly high level of popularity he now enjoys must be partly due to the fair scepticism he has shown at the efforts of the government coalition to come to terms with the East Bloc. He is now the second most popular politician in Bonn after Helmut Schmidt and in front of Chancellor Willy Brandt.

As far as the Opposition is concerned this Allensbach survey, which has been

backed up by other such surveys, should have some kind of effect on their search for a leader, a problem that remains unsolved.

The fact that Kurt Georg Kiesinger, the CDU Chairman, remains more popular than parliamentary party leader Rainer Barzel and is not much less popular than the Chancellor himself means that the CDU will find it difficult to bring itself to make changes at the top.

Now that Kiesinger has lost some support and is not so popular as former Foreign Minister Schröder the chances for Schröder as candidate for the chancellorship have grown.

His main competition is not so much Kiesinger as Barzel and the head of the Christian Social Union, Franz Josef Strauss. Another serious challenger has made an appearance recently in the shape of Gerhard Stoltenberg.

The guidelines that the Social Democrats can draw from this Allensbach survey are more complicated. In their ranks there is not so much doubt about the right personalities to lead the Party into an election.

In addition to this Helmut Schmidt is marked as being a man of the right flank. This lessens his chances of being favoured to lead the Party and so become Chancellor if the SPD win the next general election.

POLITICS

Communists find it hard to sell the Party line to workers in the Federal Republic

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Ralph Donhauser, a Munich Communist and a member of the Metalworkers Union, took on a forthright tone when he announced on the front page of *Siemens Echo* "We shall expose the power and exploitation apparatus of the Siemens concern from within and without. Where something is wrong we shall not rest until it is put right."

The *Siemens Echo* is published by a Communist Party (DKP) group in the large Munich concern. This month the first issue was handed to workers as they left the factory after a day's work.

The eight pages of this work of Communist agitation attacks the ten per cent advance tax payments — "tax robbery" — management's greed for profits — "Siemens bosses are one of the main parties interested in atomic arms" — and the secret judgements passed on employees by their superiors — "it is time that these secret verdicts were stopped."

The paper states that the main aim of its exposures is to give workers and employees the socialist point of view.

Workers in other large concerns in the Federal Republic are also being confronted more frequently with Communist papers printed specially for their own place of work.

Names range from *Basis* (information for the staff of the Demag stock company in Duisburg) to *Audi-Spotlight*, *Ignition* (for workers at BMW) or *The Kommune*, a duplicated sheet for workers, employees and civil servants in Munich.

Editing staffs are mainly controlled by the local Party branch. The say that their common task is to make the workers conscious of the incompatibility of their interests with those of capitalism.

The press offensive currently being carried out by the DKP, founded in April 1969 as a successor to the banned KPD, is one of the many attempts of Communists in this country to win influence among those people who, according to Marx, are predestined to change the existing social system by revolution — the working classes.

Success has been modest up to now. At the recent election for the provincial assembly of North Rhine-Westphalia, this country's most populous Federal state, the DKP attracted only 77,003 votes, less than even one per cent of the electorate.

An analysis published by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation says that the new Communist Party has not yet managed to win the attention of the general public.

This will soon change if Lenin's disciples have their way. True to their slogan, "We stand for the interests of West German workers and therefore the true interests of the nation" they are concentrating their activities on economic and industrial concerns.

Through their commitment and civil courage ("They dare to put forward their views" as one worker put it) many Communists have already managed to win the confidence of their fellow workers, even if there are sometimes dissenters.

DKP members are already represented on several hundred personnel and factory committees. The Communist Party already claims to have some sixty members on this type of committee in Munich alone.

The Party, now 30,000 strong, has to

confess that not all workers representing it admit to being Communists.

Andreas Stöck is a Communist official in Munich and his experiences as chairman of a factory committee have enabled him to sum up the situation. "Some comrades do not take up an attacking posture," he says.

This attitude is more influenced by tactics than the member's individual character. As long as DKP members appear in factories as individuals, concern themselves with the worries of their colleagues and fight obvious grievances, they can sometimes achieve success.

But as soon as they try to put forward party policy they normally meet with failure. Erwin Essl, a Social Democrat and leader of the local branch of the Metalworkers Union, an organisation including about one thousand Communists, has said that Communist policy finds no response in the factories.

His judgement is not all that inaccurate, as is proved by the words of one of the staff in the headquarters of the Munich branch of the DKP: "It is hard to sell party policy."

Communists have learnt their lesson in this situation. Their papers, the socialist weekly *UZ* at their head, prefer topics that will provoke indignation and at the same time throw a light on political conditions.

UZ for example seized upon the fashionable subject of water pollution and accused the Hoechst chemical concern of regularly polluting the Rhine, and Main, with pesticides.

One factory newspaper used the headline "Death in the Work Rate Rat Race" over the report of the death of a worker who had a heart attack during work and did not receive immediate medical attention.

Brake Report, said, "Some of the great lake bigwigs are not satisfied merely with their luxury villas on the Costa Brava and elsewhere. They must also take the best places along the Bavarian lakes from those who work, those who toil throughout the week and look forward to a few hours of rest at the weekend."

The economic and financial policy of the Social Democrat headed government in Bonn has proved to be particularly suited to criticism.

In a nation-wide pamphlet campaign

the DKP called upon the working population to protest against the ten per cent advance tax payments. For the Party, Economic Affairs Minister Karl Schiller's "Concerted Action" is nothing other than an instrument of state that serves capitalists.

At the beginning of July the DKP press bureau in Düsseldorf was extremely indignant. "What sort of an economic policy is this," it asked, "if the working man must always make sacrifices?"

The Communists advised workers to compose protest statements. "Demand higher wages and salaries and the payment of cost-of-living bonuses now!"

When there were indeed warning strikes in some factories, especially in North Rhine-Westphalia, the DKP chalked this up as one of its successes.

Communists have long looked upon the unions as the basis for their political work. The Party executive has said that the DKP is all for strong unions and all members who satisfy entry requirements are urged to join one.

DKP headquarters estimates that about two thirds of its 30,000 members also belong to a trade union affiliated to the Trades Union Federation (DGB).

But Communist influence on policy is negligible as the DGB leadership is careful to keep its distance from the DKP.

In the analysis of the DKP recently published by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Winfried Ridder and Joseph Scholmer confirm this. "The view of the DKP that it belongs to the heart of the union movement is more a pipedream than reality. The heart of the unions is formed by their full-time and honorary members. As is well known, these include few Communists."

This does not alter the fact that the DKP (whose demands for unity of action with the Social Democrats have always been rejected) is using its members who belong to a union win the confidence of other workers.

All 49 candidates in the recent election for the North Rhine-Westphalian Provincial Assembly were members of a union affiliated to the DGB. 31 of them were also members of factory or personnel committees, sixteen as chairmen.

The DKP says that the trades union struggle is the class struggle. Its strategy is to appear as the hard core of the DGB

Only two out of three 18- to 21-year-olds vote

POLL SURVEY IN NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIAN CONSTITUENCIES

Are young voters, particularly eighteen to 21-year-old first-timers, politically less interested and mature than is generally felt to be the case?

In North Rhine-Westphalia the 61.6-per cent poll by eighteen- to 21-year-olds was a good eleven per cent less than the average, a phenomenon not observed for the first time.

The same was true of the 25- to thirty-year-olds. Only older people seemed to be reliable. More than eighty per cent of the sixty- to seventy-year-olds used their votes.

What conclusions can be drawn from these, the results of a special count conducted in 620 North Rhine-Westphalian wards?

Is lack of interest to blame or is it the result of scanty civics lessons at school? Or do the figures reflect a conscious boycott of the elections by the protest generation? Do they reflect dissatisfaction

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tion with the parliamentary system of government?

Straight answers are not forthcoming, let alone conclusions, backed by empirical social research. Electoral research so far has been largely a matter of voters. The motives of non-voters remain largely unknown.

It would certainly seem inadvisable to interpret the voting patterns of young people as politically motivated. Interpretations of this kind generally reveal more about the hopes and fears of the interpreters than about the motives of the interpreted.

Surveys aimed at probing young voters' political interests prove that it is not a matter of mere lack of interest. Young

that does not allow itself to be coerced or intimidated in its work for the benefit of the working classes.

The DKP's statement of principle, "As champions of the united trade union movement we will oppose all trends to incite in the existing power system, to weaken union strength and to role us as a class organisation and to all anti-union attacks from the circles."

This support for the independence and neutrality of the DGB also means conflict in which the DKP finds the Communist-ruled States the only way to the Party's leading role in opposition.

They drum it into their members they should follow Party discipline, keep to the economic plans and work as an instrument of the ruling class.

As the DKP looks upon the Federal Democratic Republic (DDR) as a Social Democratic point out to the Communists in this country that it is not logical that they would make it conform to its equivalent in the DDR, FDGB, if they ever came to power.

Critics say that the Communist union policy is double-dealing. *Süddeutsche Zeitung, 14.8.70*

Sixty per cent favour special protection for politicians

Sixty per cent of the population in the Federal Republic believe that politicians should receive special protection.

In a survey the Institute of Social Studies in Bonn discovered that 61 per cent of those interviewed entrusted the police force with this task.

Another 21 per cent wanted politicians to be given bodyguards. Nine per cent of the sample believed that public should defend themselves, perhaps with weapons.

But on the other hand 39 per cent of the population do not believe that politicians should be given special protection.

One remarkable fact arising from the survey is that there is little fluctuation in the figures for various age groups and supporters of various parties.

64 per cent of Christian Democrats, 61 per cent of Social Democrats and 61 per cent of Communists believe that politicians should be given special protection. *(DIE WELT, 28.8.70)*

LABOUR

Postal workers' five-day week demand would have catastrophic consequences in service industries

At one time or other we must ask ourselves what type of affluence we actually want. There is the one extreme of getting the whole of the population on its feet, including as many wives and mothers as possible (children could attend specially provided nurseries), and making them work hard from Monday through to Saturday.

That would certainly lead to a considerable increase in the affluence of the country and its inhabitants. Readiness to work is still the basis of a nation's wealth, a most unfashionable, but unfortunately indisputable fact.

The price for affluence amassed in this way would however be too high. Not enough attention would be paid to leisure time and, after all is said and done, people are not here only to work.

The other extreme is to shorten work-

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ing hours to such an extent that the social product and prosperity is reduced and the population is underprivileged in various spheres.

The best example of this is the complete five-day work with a free Saturday and Sunday. A five-day week would turn the Federal Republic into a cemetery every weekend. The ghastliness of this cannot be adequately imagined. In an economy based on distribution of labour everybody depends on everyone else.

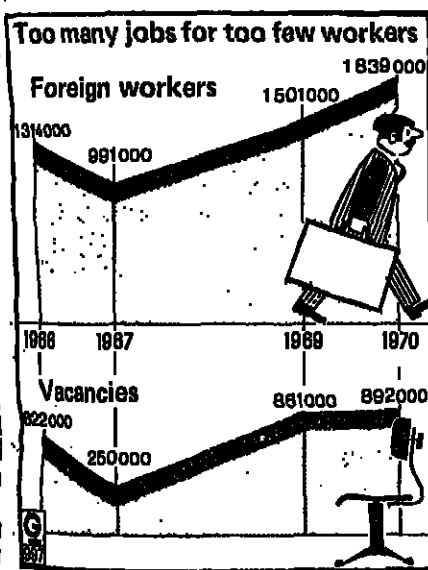
Let us assume that a reckless father suddenly thought of taking his family out on a Saturday morning for a ride. Petrol cans would have to be loaded into the boot as all filling stations would be closed.

Motorways would be fuller than usual as the railways would not be running at the weekend. The family could not stop at a roadside restaurant as the manager, the cook and the waiter would be enjoying their free weekend along with the petrol pump attendants and the railwaymen.

There would not be much to do at home either as there would be no radio or television. All businesses would be closed along with the barber shops, swimming baths, cinemas and theatres.

Telegrams informing closer relatives of a death in the family could not be sent as the post office would not be working.

Important business papers would not arrive until the Monday morning, endangering the signing of a contract. The urgently awaited entry permit for the



As is almost always the case with something new, doubts were raised when a Cologne food firm introduced "working hours made to measure" a year ago.

But the idea was so simple and obvious that people could not help wondering why retailers had not seized upon this before. They are always complaining of shortages of staff.

There are many women with small children of demanding husbands who once served in a shop in their teens and would like to earn a bit of extra money or escape domestic boredom for a few hours. Fixed working hours often prove an obstacle.

Under the new scheme they are now invited to choose their own hours before signing their contract. Success was immediate and since the scheme was introduced there have been enough staff in the firm's branches, especially during the main shopping periods.

A different type of variable working hours has been introduced in other concerns. A cotton-weaver on the Lower Rhine recently decided to give his sales staff and technicians greater freedom in deciding the hours they work.

Of course the question of control is immediately raised. Team work is fine but there are always shirkers and slackers and people who are expert on living on their colleagues. These people are always ready to chip in with their piece of advice but are rarely prepared to roll up their sleeves and work.

Most large concerns used to have a clocking-on system. But it is disappearing more and more as it is a symbol of capitalist exploitation and unworthy of a

Variable working hours slash absenteeism, prove a godsend for working wives and mothers

human being. It now proves that staff do not always agree with its phase-out.

As there must be some form of control, they say, clocking-on is still far better than dissenting whispers or even secret denunciations.

The Rhineland Landschaftsverband introduced variable working hours after the good experiences made by Bölkow of Munich and called on Bölkow experts for advice.

This body believes that a clocking-on system must be retained as a control. A clocking-on system was therefore introduced in spite of opposition, mainly from the ranks of the civil servants.

The Ruhr-Länderverband in Essen toyed with the idea of variable working hours because of the good experiences elsewhere but has taken offence at a clocking-on system and has not yet been able to come to a decision.

But there are also disadvantages or, to be more accurate there can be disadvantages. Variable working hours are not possible for workers in production industries where work and speed and more or less dictated by machines.

Here it is only the machine and the best use that can be made of it that determines working hours, even if there is a shift system.

But variable working hours meet with difficulties in offices too, for example in

German Democratic Republic would also have to wait until Monday.

We will spare ourselves including hospitals in this terrifying account of a weekend during which no one works. People need other people to support them with their work, even on weekends. Otherwise everything is put into question.

The total five-day week is nonsense. But it is being served up to us as a high, exalted possibility. The Postal Workers Union in Hesse obviously believe that they have to prove their progressiveness by demanding the abolition of the Saturday post and a limitation of the telegram and express letter services at the weekend.

Of course no person is to be grudging his free weekend. But if it is not possible nothing can be done about it. Industry can introduce a five-day week without this leading to serious repercussions to economic life or the lives of citizens.

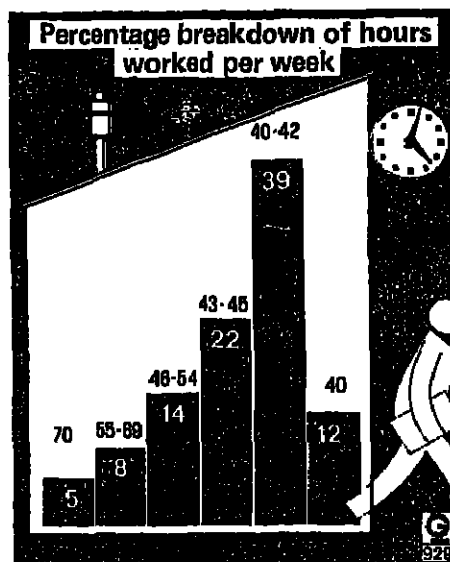
Unfortunately a five-day week is not possible for many branches of the service industries that are in such a great demand today and yet so scarce.

Retailers with their many thousand employees just cannot shut up shop on Saturday and neither can hospitals, transport concerns, police, hotels or restaurants.

Those demanding an end to Saturday postal deliveries and the acceptance of telegrams on a Sunday must have an astonishing disdain for the importance of the post office's services.

The Postal Workers Union is certainly not doing its members a favour in endangering the reputation of the post office in this way and showing its dispensability.

Those involved can indeed settle the times they work among themselves. But,



and this is presumably the opinion of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication as well, weekend postal services cannot be dispensed with.

As it is, the present situation is a backward step from the once normal twice daily delivery. Any further move in this direction will affect the post office's substance.

It has long been recognised in development aid policy that infra-structure is decisive. But infra-structure is also communication. If an important instrument of communication like the post office in this country were to stop work completely at the weekend the indirect economic harm would be substantial and the ordinary citizen would be subject to anger and irritation where there is no particular need.

"A country works as fast as its post office" may be a little exaggerated but it does contain a grain of truth. If the post office reduces its productivity instead of raising it, it drags the whole of the economy along with it.

Who could then stop their colleagues on the railways from demanding a weekend shut-down? We would not be very far from the scene of horror we painted.

Jürgen Eick
(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland, 25 July 1970)

computer departments and offices where the public are admitted.

This is particularly true of public offices where people are quickly provoked to anger when they see a sign announcing that the till or position is closed.

All this can lead to new distinctions between drawn within a body of employees and within a concern, which does not seem necessarily desirable.

Even so, the advantages predominate. People with variable working hours have more freedom to arrange their free time. This is good for their health, not least as they are not forced to travel through the rush hour.

A few years ago a tram company and the head of the transport department in a large town on the Rhine asked local factories to stagger working hours to help the morning and evening rush hours. But their pleas went unheeded and factories claimed that nothing could be done.

Here and there the labour market forces through a thing that could not be achieved by reason and judgement. When all is said and done, it is the factories that profit from gaining staff for whom fixed hours were previously an insurmountable obstacle. One only has to think of women with small children or older employees.

Ernst Berens
(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 21 July 1970)

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EDUCATION

Drawbacks of GDR educational system

POLYTECHNICAL EDUCATION IS NOT ALL IT IS MADE OUT TO BE

When people in this country talk about the German Democratic Republic (GDR), they often say that at least the education system and health service there are good, perhaps even better than in the Federal Republic.

Everyone has equal opportunities, they claim, the educational system forms a unit from kindergarten to university, school standards are higher and there is no difference in training between primary and secondary school teachers.

On closer examination these opinions mainly turn out to be popular misconceptions.

Nobody can dispute the fact that the Socialist Unity Party (SED) has a complete monopoly of education through the party's various controlling groups, control of the Free German Youth (FDJ), the state youth organisation, and the Young Pioneers existing in every school.

But this and the para-military training given at schools by the Association for Sport and Technology (GST) need not be mentioned here although they are part of school life in the GDR. There are few people living in the Federal Republic who consider this party bias in schools to be ideal.

School practice too is different in the GDR than is popularly assumed here. Teacher training to begin with is different.

In the Federal Republic today there are only two ways of becoming a teacher, both involving further education. Primary and elementary school teachers study at a training college while high school teachers must attend university.

In the classless society of the "first workers" and farmers' State on German soil" teacher training is based on a real caste system.

Teachers for the first three school years are trained at the thirty institutes for teacher training. Training begins at sixteen and lasts four years. Those wishing to attend the course must have attended school for ten years. This corresponds roughly to the old Prussian teachers' seminar.

Teachers for the intermediate school years (classes four to six) must attend one of the nine Educational Institutes. From 1971 the school-leaving certificate (Abitur) is being demanded as a qualification. The course lasts four years.

Teachers of classes five to ten at polytechnical school must have studied for five years at the teacher-training Colleges in Potsdam or Dresden.

The Weimar Conservatory and the University for Sport and Physical Training in Leipzig are on the same level as these two colleges.

Teachers at the Expanded Secondary Schools (classes eleven and twelve) can start work after studying at a university for five years. Now that the university system has been reorganised this takes place in the education departments.

Teacher training in the GDR is therefore far more complicated than in the Federal Republic.

The school system forms a unit. According to the plan the polytechnical upper school follows on from the kindergarten.

The term polytechnical upper school is well chosen. It gives the impression of being a real secondary school. But really it consists of ten classes. From the seventh class onwards one day a week is spent on production training. In other words vocational training is included in the regular curriculum at schools in the GDR.

At present there are 9,155 polytechnical schools in the GDR. School-leaving certificates can only be taken at an Expanded Secondary School (EOS) that comprises the eleventh and twelfth classes.

There are now 303 Expanded Secondary Schools in the GDR. As there are 218 local urban or rural districts in the GDR there is statistically at least one EOS for every district.

The number of pupils taking their school-leaving certificate is firmly fixed in the plan. This year's figures foresee that exactly 18,115 of the 285,000 pupils who started in 1958 will take their school-leaving certificate.

There are three streams in the EOS. The A classes place the emphasis on modern languages, the B classes on the sciences and the C classes on the classical languages.

According to the Education Law seventy per cent of those who will later take their school-leaving certificate are attached to the B classes, twenty per cent to the A classes and ten per cent to the C classes.

Pupils for B and C classes do not enter the EOS until they have completed ten years at polytechnical school. Future pupils for the A class are included in EOS preparatory classes while still in their ninth school year.

It is only at first glance that the school system in the GDR appears to be comprehensive. In practice schools are organised according to the pupil's standard of performance. Each pupil must "prove his commitment to the State through his attitude and social activity."

Among the achievements of the GDR school system the SED includes school meals, lessons both in the morning and afternoon and kindergarten education.

But in practice only 257 kindergarten places are available for every 1,000 children of school age. The all-day school cannot be carried out because of the shortage of schoolrooms. Only half the pupils can have their meals at school.

Ulrich Rüthland
(Industriekurier, 14 July 1970)

University students and staff agree

Conservative professors and romantic young revolutionaries both reject the fact university studies could have anything at all to do with training for a future profession. This is of course only true for the arts.

This extreme remoteness from professional life is detrimental not only to students but also to following generations as most arts students aim to become high school teachers.

But they are given little preparation for this. The fact that there are good teachers can be attributed more to vocation than study.

Nothing much seems to have changed yet. A survey of German, French and English students at Munich University showed that 81 per cent believed that

Special classes slow readers

Despite average or above-average intelligence one or two children in every class encounter difficulties in reading. The medical term for this is dyslexia.

Oldenburg is going to great efforts to help eliminate the problem. At some 350 schools children are engaged in voluntary two-year courses arranged by Wolfgang Leupold.

Leupold launched the first course for legasthenic children at the school eighteen months ago. Nineteen teachers at nineteen schools in Oldenburg provide an afternoon instruction (with compulsory schooling ending at lunchtime) for children who need it.

At Leupold's initiative more than 100 children in surrounding areas also coached in reading and writing a week.

The courses consist of four grammatical five grades of age. Children first learn to spell words and then to fashion entire sentences from the individual words.

Then there are reading and writing until they have worked their way to a certain basic vocabulary. Mistakes and tape recordings help to overcome the difficulties they have in improving their poor reading and writing.

"The children are neither stupid nor stupid," Leupold explains. "They are from slight brain trouble that is inherited. Provided they get special instruction in time they can catch up with the other children in their special schools as in the past."

The courses start in the second year at school and so enable pupils to catch up with the others in their ninth school year.

Children themselves are so taken with the idea that six months ago a voluntary study group of sixteen youngsters in the seventh to ninth school years at the school got together.

They decided on their own initiative to combat their own poor spelling. This was continually downgrading them. After the present summer holidays further course is to be held for senior school children.

Leupold is not yet wholly satisfied with the results of his work, though. He demands speech laboratories, since he claims, be of far greater assistance than tape recorders, which he and his colleagues have at the present disposal.

(DIE WELT, 6 July 1970)

MEDICINE

Preventive medicine requires the cooperation of patients



Advances in diagnostic medicine depend mainly on the recognition of incipient diseases at a time when they can still be treated most effectively. This has become particularly clear in recent years in post-natal care for pregnant mothers and newly born children.

Of course there have been advances in diagnosis in other areas of medicine too. The large number of opportunities offered are continually being tested to see how good they are and doctors can select the treatment they like best.

This results in a natural division of emphasis between hospital and practice. Professor Ernst Fromm, President of the Medical Association, told over 7,000 visitors to the second Diagnostic Week in Düsseldorf that this division still existed in all its aspects.

The results of this congress will be of direct benefit to the sick as improved and earlier diagnosis considerably increases the chances of a cure.

This of course depends on people going to their doctor in good time and making use of the various preventive measures available.

This is particularly true of preventive measures for expectant mothers and women in danger of cancer, financed by the health insurance scheme.

But relatively narrow limits are set on sickness prevention for the healthy. Up to now the most successful has been prevention and early diagnosis before, during and after childbirth. Doctors today know that many congenital physical and mental defects can be prevented.

Professor Peter Stoll of Mannheim University maternity clinic said that approximately one birth in every four to five does not run according to plan. Regular medical examinations prevent the child from being harmed.

But when expectant mothers wait until they too can see the trouble and then do not know what to do, it is normally too late for the child. It suffers permanent damage while still in its mother's womb.

Professor Stoll emphasised that only regular medical examinations during pregnancy could prevent injury to the child. These checks should, he said, be monthly, then fortnightly and, during the last month of pregnancy weekly.

Doctors can recognise pregnancy trouble before it reaches fullest proportions from changes in the mother's blood pressure, blood serum and urine.

If changes of this type occur, there is good reason for special measures to be taken by a hospital or the family doctor and for complicated control equipment to be used before and during the birth.

Preventive medical supervision of mother and child from the beginning of the pregnancy until the child is fully developed is already possible in principle.

Although there is clear progress here today in diagnostic medicine, this remains a pipe dream because of questions of organisation, personnel and finance.

In many places there is a shortage of the necessary equipment and buildings and sometimes there is not enough cooperation between doctors. But the main reason is that not all mothers by a long chalk turn up for medical checks during pregnancy.

The main part of a doctor's activity in the field of preventive medicine or early diagnosis depends on the individual person and the individual complaint. Various types of cancer and arteriosclerosis are the subject of early diagnosis which has a preventive effect.

Patients must be ready to cooperate and visit their doctor in cases of this type. Technically, it is relatively simple to locate a cancerous tumour in the prostate gland of males.

Dr Soekeland, head of Dortmund's Urological Hospital, said that this was the third most common type of cancer after

Physical training keeps the body fit in old age

important function would be the care of elderly patients.

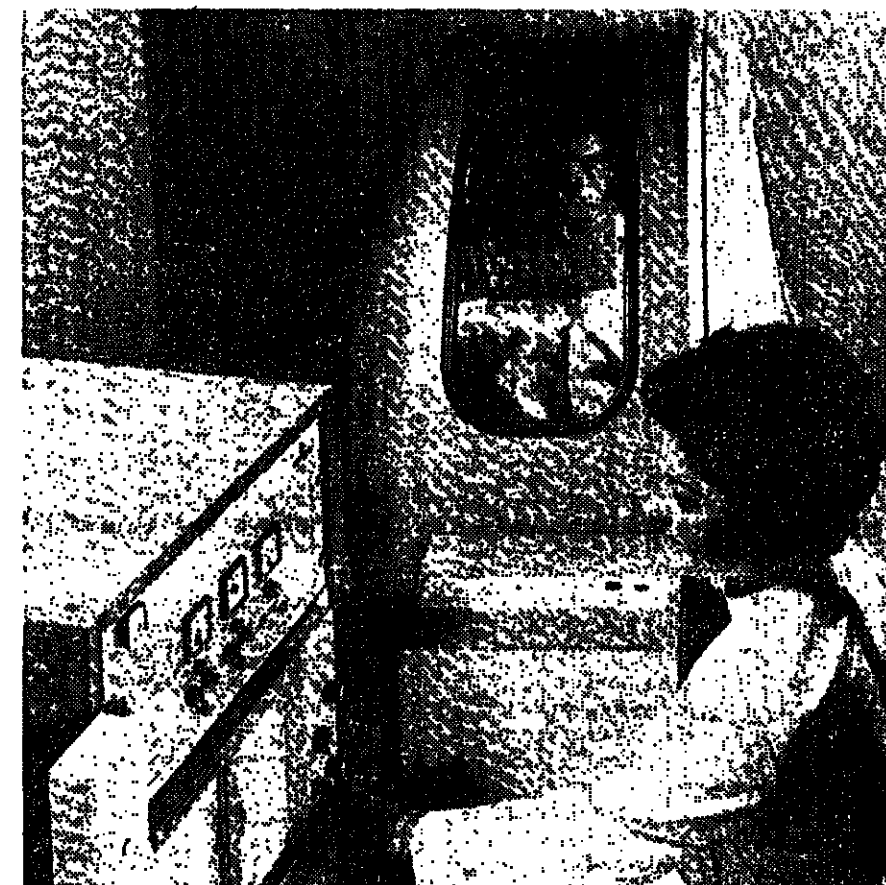
Professor Jokl, a native of Breslau, but now living in the United States, said that old age is still closely connected with fatty degeneration and a slowing down of movements.

He told the congress of research on sportsmen who are still active in their old age. The results showed that old people who are still healthy react to physical training just as a young person would. Regular athletic exercise can keep up performance over a long period of time.

Professor Jokl added that the brain's control centres were also influenced in this way. This then had a beneficial effect on the person's mental faculties.

Statistics today on causes of death show that heart and circulatory diseases have taken over the place occupied by the Black Death in the Middle Ages. Physical training is therefore particularly important.

Professor Steinbach, head of Mainz



Computerised lung tests

Developed by Siemens in conjunction with hospitals and medical practitioners this computerised unit aids early diagnosis of diseases of the respiratory organs. The patient sits in a hermetically sealed metal chamber and breathes through a special valve. The data are evaluated and presented in diagram form. The doctor can then assess lung functions and diagnose malfunctions of the bronchial system.

(Photo: Siemens)

lung and stomach cancer in males over fifty.

He therefore appealed to doctors and patients to make more frequent use of rectal examinations.

These were even able to locate very small tumours. His appeal was directed mainly towards men above fifty.

This form of cancer increases with age. Chances of a cure are very good if it is discovered in time and treated with hormones or operated upon. But if cancer of the prostate gland has developed to such an extent that it causes other complaints, it is usually too late for successful treatment.

Intensive research into preventive medicine has also met with success with heart attacks and hardening of arteries.

University's department of sport medicine, warned people not to set their hopes too high. Success only comes to those who really exert themselves in training. Playing games alone was not sufficient in old age.

Dr Böger, head of the St John's Hospital in Berlin, said that the occurrence of typical old age diseases was no reason for resignation.

With increased age movements did indeed become more restricted, he said. Old people often live alone in towns or in a home. As they do not then have the natural stimuli of sun, air and rain, they become practically caged animals. Successful treatment must take these factors into account.

Dr Böger said that he never stopped hammering into his patients that they themselves should give their active support. In this way old people will not adopt a laissez-faire attitude and passively endure treatment.

This is the method used by Dr Böger to get his patients moving and on their feet after a short stay in bed. This is the way to complete recovery.

His method has led to an increase in the number of recoveries of patients suffering from diseases that particularly affect the elderly.

Günter Last
(Frankfurter Rundschau, 21 July 1970)

Computer analyses blood samples in Göttingen

For the first time in medical history a computer is being used in Göttingen to analyse blood samples taken from motorists suspected of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

An IBM computer has been installed in the blood alcohol department of the Institute of Forensic Medicine and will be able to make exact analyses of 12,000 samples a month.

All laboratory equipment in the department will be directly connected with the computer on the on line system so that staff do not need to intervene between the individual stages.

The equipment is being thoroughly examined at present. Then 30,000 blood samples will be analysed in the Göttingen Institute every year.

(Hannoversche Presse, 17 July 1970)



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MOTURING

Convenient car phones catch on

The telephone is as much a part of everyday life as the motor car. For a number of years it has been possible to combine the two and telephone all over the world from the driver's seat of a car in motion.

Within the foreseeable future telephones will be as much part and parcel of a motor car as a TV set is of the living-room.

At present some 10,000 motorists in this country have car phones. Experts expect their number to mushroom within a matter of a few years.

The 10,000 mostly use their car phones for business calls. They know that in modern industrial society time is money and competitors will not be resting on their laurels.

Frequently enough snap decisions must be made. Car phones are accordingly used in the main by management, stock exchange brokers, estate agents, lawyers, architects, doctors and private eyes. Up-to-the-minute journalists also stand to benefit from their use.

Stars of stage, screen and show business have come to realise the advantage of having a telephone at the ready while on the road. The advantages are self-evident for everyone beset by deadlines and frequently faced with the need to make alternative arrangements.

In a long-distance coach the writer recently noticed the courier booking meals for his holidaymakers at a hotel ninety miles ahead.

Car phones seem more than likely to become a standard fitting in long-distance coaches. Deutsche Bundesbahn, the German Federal Railways, have for some time provided telephone facilities in the secretaries' compartment of a number of expresses.

Compactly built, car telephones are small in size. In new Mercedes the phone even fits into the ashtray slot. Miniaturisation has gone to such lengths that the transistorised device can conveniently be incorporated in virtually any model.

In cars with a transmission tunnel the receiver rests on a hook on top of the tunnel. Special receivers enable phones to be built into any vehicle. They are powered by the standard car battery, energy requirements being little more than those of parking-lights.

Even if the driver forgets to switch the phone off he need hardly worry about his battery running down. Should the leads be switched by mistake the unit does not go up in smoke. It merely switches itself off.

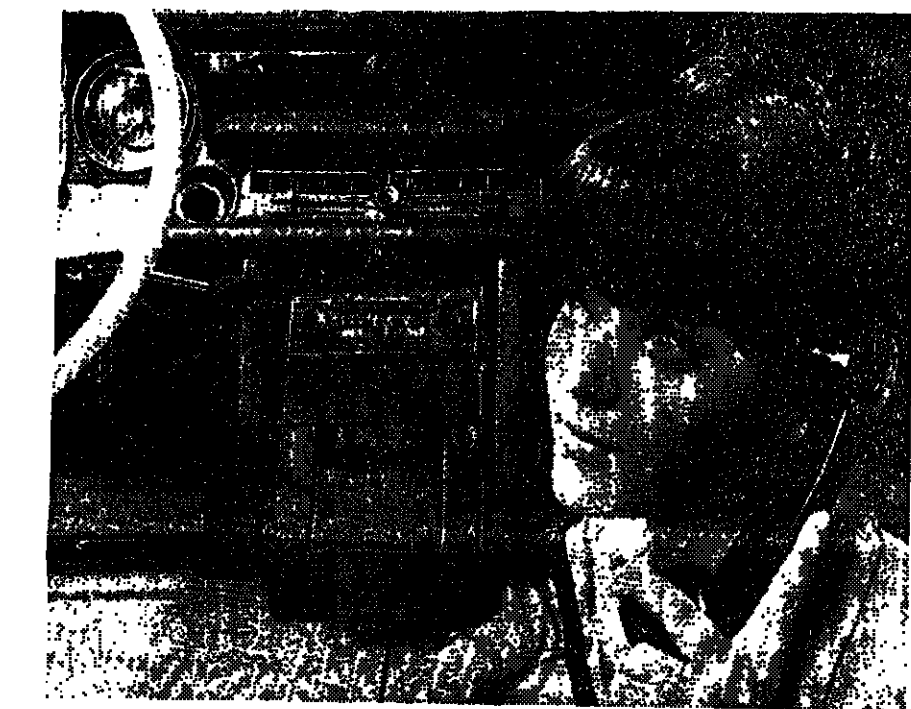
All car phone connections are manual. The motorist can only dial or be reached via the exchange. Calls are handled by the post office's mobile service. Each exchange serves a certain region indicated on maps with which every subscriber is provided.

The channel numbers included indicate the frequency at which the respective exchange operates. All the motorist needs do is ascertain what frequency to use and set the dial of his phone accordingly.

On leaving one region and entering another calls must be ended, though, as conversations are not automatically transferred from one frequency to the next.

In order to avoid long waiting-periods subscribers are recommended to 'limit themselves' to calls of six minutes but in practice the present 10,000 subscribers are sufficient to lead to delays.

To ease the burden a second network including a wider range of channels has



The boss's secretary listens in as a call comes through on the car phone
(Photo: AEG-Telefunken)

been put at the mobile phone service's disposal, the present number of channels no longer being enough.

Calls can fade in hilly country, because of buildings, at the edge of forests and underneath bridges.

Subscribers can call all normal numbers at home and abroad. They can also be called themselves and under certain circumstances calls can be put through from one vehicle to another.

Passengers can listen in with the aid of a second receiver. Should the driver leave his vehicle a powerful bell calls him back when his telephone rings. If he has been away from the car for any length of time he can tell from a special attachment whether he has been called in the meantime.

Car telephones are far from being inexpensive. Domestic manufacturers prices hardly vary. Telekom of Nuremberg, for instance, retelling their model at 6,818 Marks exclusive of both tax, and assembly.

Installation costs an additional 335 Marks plus tax and the post office's monthly rental is 65 Marks, plus the charges for calls, which are billed individually.

People under the influence, whether it be of alcohol and classic stimulants or of marijuana, hashish or LSD, are unfit to be in charge of a motor vehicle.

With the increasing misuse of these drugs hash trippers can be expected to represent a growing road safety risk. It is immaterial whether or not the motorist is hooked on drugs or not. What matters is that a driver is under the influence.

Addicts, of course, suffer from the additional characteristics of addiction, which considerably increase the danger to life and limb. By and large their state is comparable with that of the drunk or chronic alcoholic.

Göttingen psychiatrist Professor Hans-carl Leuner recently dealt with the effects of hallucinogenic drugs on behaviour in traffic at a conference held by the Federal Republic Transport Medicine Association in Bad Oeynhausen.

Hallucinogenic drugs include the cannabis group (Indian hemp, marijuana and hashish) and the LSD group, the latter creating genuine hallucinations.

Under the influence of marijuana or hashish people's senses of space and time are principally affected and emotional responses boosted. People have fewer inhibitions but remain extremely passive.

Driving is experienced pretty much as a film sequence. The individual feels he is

The financial blow is, however, softened by a leasing scheme for which most of the present 10,000 subscribers have opted. This system amounts to a rental charge for a certain period of time, after which the telephone becomes the user's property.

Over a period of sixty months, for instance, the user pays 197 Marks a month plus value-added tax. After five years the phone is his for the price of another monthly instalment. Instalments are fully tax-deductible.

The first through-dial units are due to be marketed by 1972 at the latest. They use a special rest rather than the conventional dial and it must be no easy business dialling with one hand (and motorists must keep one hand on the wheel).

Are car phones a road safety hazard? Apparently not. No difficulties are said so far to have arisen. Car phoning soon becomes as much a matter of course as using a standard telephone, it is claimed.

No one is going to phone while driving at ninety, say, in any case. Drivers usually pull in before making important calls that require them to concentrate to the full.

H. P. Tittenburg
(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland, 22 July 1970)

Driving under the influence of hash and LSD

standing still and the road coming at him. Everything happens automatically, dangers are not borne in mind, speed is no longer experienced.

Other vehicles, pedestrians and signals go unnoticed. The drug-taker fails to grasp distances. At night he is also extremely sensitive to light and liable to be blinded.

LSD also gives rise to hallucinations and illusions, Professor Leuner noted. Other vehicles and buildings appear to have faces. Insane feelings of being followed are experienced and the individual gains an ominous certainty of possessing superhuman qualities.

One feels capable of walking on the waves, of flying, walking through walls, being non-inflammable. Motorists under the influence of LSD and allied drugs feel able to drive through houses or closed level crossings.

These, Professor Leuner commented, are genuinely insane impressions indicative of bona fide psychosis. Their effect in road traffic is, of course, catastrophic.

More than a million new cars registered in six months

In the first six months of this year number of new car registrations at the Motor Vehicle Registration Office in Flensburg reached a record level. According to official figures released 1,259,125 vehicles were registered during this period, an increase of 169,072 over the corresponding months of 1969, or 15.5 per cent.

At 1,045,608 the number of cars registered passed the million for the first time ever.

Motorcycles are evidently gaining popularity. The number newly registered represented an increase of 73 per cent over the figure for the first half of last year.

Increases were also registered in numbers of lorries (11.7 per cent), articulated vehicles (26.9 per cent), buses (9.2 per cent) and caravans (per cent) recorded for road tax purposes. (Süddeutsche Zeitung, 23 July 1970)

Bonn plans 'clean engine' project

Bonn's Ministry of the Interior has confirmed that the Federal government plans to follow in Washington footsteps and commission research and development of a "clean" engine by the end of this year.

Herr Berg of the Ministry of the Interior who accompanied Minister Genscher on his recent visit to the United States responsible for environmental protection announced that talks are to be conducted with the Ministry of Transport to which government department is entrusted with the task.

Bonn too is increasingly coming to the conclusion that car exhaust fumes have developed into one of the gravest threats made atmospheric hazards. In the United States prototype exhaust-free engines to be developed by 1975. In the years following this deadline manufacturers are to develop appropriate vehicles to the point where they can run off the assembly-line in long runs.

(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland, 21 July 1970)

TRANSPORT

Electric fences will help to keep wild life off the roads



At a rough estimate 300,000 accidents a year are caused by animals straying on to the road. According to official statistics more than 2,000 people are injured or killed and 200,000 animals slain in the process.

There is, of course, an effective means of preventing wild animals from straying on to main roads. Fences along the roadside must be high enough to stop animals from jumping over the top of them and anchored into the ground so that animals cannot burrow underneath.

The only drawback is the price. At between 5,000 and 10,000 Marks a kilometre it is hardly surprising that only 125 kilometres (eighty miles) bordering on autobahns have so far been lined with fences of this kind.

Protection must be provided at less expense, then, and there has been no shortage of experiments. Animal mirrors of tinfoil have been fixed to trees and fences. They were blithely ignored by the animals.

Aroma fences were also designed to keep animals at bay. Both they and acoustic devices proved insufficient. Then

ADAC engineers (ADAC being the major motoring organisation in the Federal Republic) hit on the idea of keeping beasts at bay with the aid of electric fences.

The idea was based on similar fences used with success by dairy farmers. Swedish authorities have lined their autobahns with similar fences too and claim them to be successful.

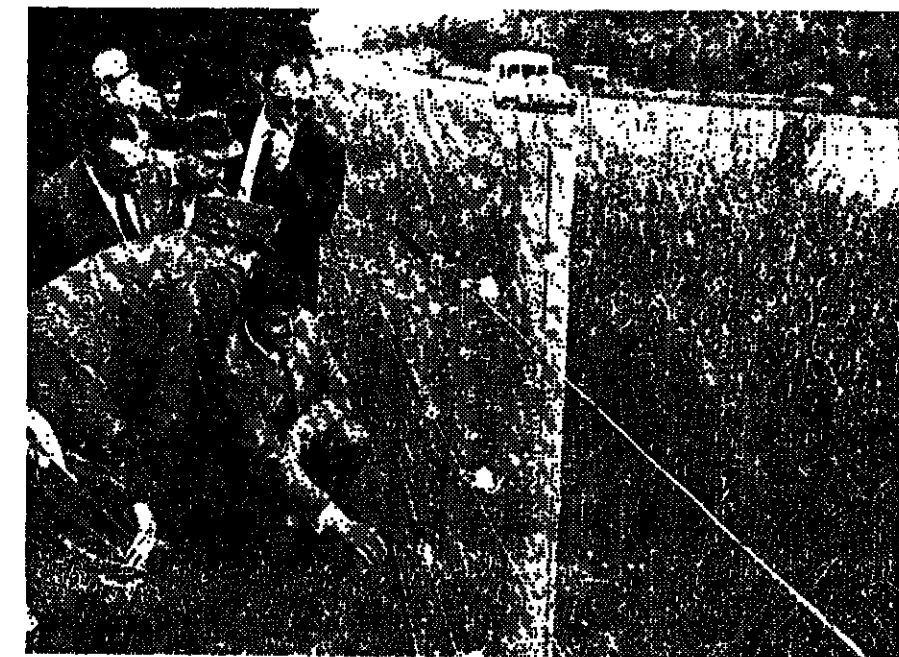
On coming into contact with the fence animals sustain an electric shock that deters them from crossing the road. It nonetheless remains open to doubt whether the psychological deterrent is effective at all times.

Foresters, hunters and even behavioural scientists with the Max Planck Institute have accordingly been called on to aid the ADAC in the trials it is at present carrying out in a number of areas.

Final judgement cannot be passed until the results of the survey are available. This year wild animals are being catered for at ten points not by barbed wire and palings but by electric shocks.

One of the test sections is on the Frankfurt-Cologne autobahn, shortly beyond Medenbach service station. Power for the high-tension shocks is provided by dry battery. Tension is between 3,000 and 5,000 volts.

This is enough to penetrate the animal's fur, which functions as an



ADAC engineers examine one of ten sections of electric fence undergoing trials
(Photo: dpa)

insulator, but too little to seriously hurt either man or beast, as was recently demonstrated to members of the press.

If the experiment proves successful ADAC plans to call on the Transport Ministry to erect electric fences along all main roads where animals can cross and lead to accidents. They do, when all is said and done, cost no more than half the price of erecting standard fences.

A few technical hitches remain, though. Wires must not touch the ground and the entire installation requires a certain amount of servicing. Batteries must be replaced and grass kept short. No estimate of running-costs has so far been made available.

(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, für Deutschland, 23 July 1970)

Bundesbahn axes six regions, cuts costs

In the wake of administrative reforms the Augsburg, Regensburg, Kassel, Mainz, Wuppertal and Münster Bundesbahn regions are to disappear, leaving ten regions fully able to cope with all situations likely to arise, according to Transport Minister Georg Leber.

The reorganisation will cost an estimated 75 million Marks but save roughly 115 million Marks per year.

(Handelsblätt, 24 July 1970)

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